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Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this amendment and response submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 19, 2006. A three-month period was set for response. Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of the period of reply. This amendment and response is timely filed with payment of the extension fee on or before January 19, 2006. Please charge any additional requisite fees relating to this amendment and response to Deposit Account No. 19-2570.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper and include a replacement abstract.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 16 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 21 of this paper.